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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC) PREHOSPITAL/HOSPITAL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING Minutes Thursday, March 10, 2011

Members Present

Dotson, R.N., Melody – Base Hosp. Nurse Coordinators
Forman, R.N., Kelly – County Paramedic Agency
Marugg, Jim – San Diego County Paramedic Association
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Second District

Recorder

Wolchko, Janet I.

Guests Present

Norris, Monica - for Patty Skoglund
Ochs, Ginger – SD Fire & Rescue

County Staff Present

Pate, R.N., Rebecca – County EMS

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Melody Dotson, R.N., Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Jim Marugg seconded by Kelly Forman to approve the January 13, 2011 minutes. Motion carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public speakers present.

IV. OFFLOAD ISSUES (Jim Marugg)

Dr. Haynes gave a report at the County Chiefs meeting where they discussed placing the responsibility of offload and bypass issues on the hospitals. Dr. Haynes will meet with the hospitals to discuss the issues.

Facility delays and bed delays were discussed by the subcommittee. Monica Norris inquired if there was data on increased number of calls, and if the number was compared to the number of bases, nurses and radios available. Ginger Ochs mentioned a website the medics use to track off-load delay issues.

V. POLICIES FOR REVIEW (Rebecca Pate, County EMS)

The following policies were reviewed by the committee.

S-411, Reporting of Suspected Child, Dependent Adult, or Elder Abuse/Neglect. S-411 will be reviewed by the Base Station Physicians Committee for approval. The policy was brought before the EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee for feedback on changes that were made. The reference to attached forms and reports has been deleted and phone numbers and contact information was updated. The documents are available on the County website.

A motion was made by Jim Marugg seconded by Mary Meadows-Pitt to approve S-411 and forward the policy updates to the Base Station Physicians Committee. Motion carried.

A-876, Air Ambulance Dispatch Center Designation/Dispatch of Air Ambulance. The chapter for County Code of Regulations on air ambulance transport was added under "Authority". Multiple air ambulance providers' coordination was discussed. The "Fees" item was deleted. There was discussion on who is coordinating fees.

A motion was made by Jim Marugg seconded by Mary Meadows-Pitt to approve A-876 and forward the policy updates to the Emergency Medical Care Committee after approval from County Counsel. Three members voted to approve and one abstain. Motion carried.

VI. STAFF REPORT (Rebecca Pate, County EMS)

Implementation of iQCS has been delayed for approximately two months. iQCS trial testing will resume after QCS access for all hospitals and agencies has been transferred onto new servers. Base access has already been transferred to the system and they are in the process of updating the satellites and agency access.

VII. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 am.

The next EMCC Prehospital/Hospital meeting will be April 14, 2011.

Submitted by

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